

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

March 1, 1945
10:40 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew presiding in the absence of Mayor Miller, who was attending the official opening of the Red Cross Drive.

Roll call

Present: Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis-

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Absent : Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf - 2

Present also: Walter E. Seaholm, Acting City Manager; J.E. Motheral, City Engineer; W. T. Williams, City Attorney; and R. D. Thorp Chief of Police.

The minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 15 and February 23, 1945, were read, and on motion of Councilman Alford were adopted as read by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

JOYCE WILLIAM BAKER, together with his attorney, Ayres K. Ross, was heard in an appeal for reinstatement of his taxicab driver's permit, which was revoked by the City Council at its last regular meeting. After considering the appeal, it was the sense of the Council that the recommendation of the Chief of Police that the permit be not reinstated, be sustained.

The application of OSCAR IRA LEACH, 3202 Bailey Lane, for a license to operate as a taxicab a 4-door Chevrolet Sedan, 1942 Model, State License No. F10-127 (1942) and No. FR-4835 (1945) Motor No. 229047, Serial No. 3BH11-12109, to replace Taxicab License No. 56 cancelled by Joe J. Joseph, recommended for approval by the Acting City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Gillis moved that the application be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis

Noes : None

Absent: Councilman Wolf and Mayor Miller

The application of WALTER GILBERT STROMQUIST, 803 East 14th Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, recommended for approval by the Acting City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the permit be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

The application of RALPH WATSON HALE, 2204 Leona Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, recommended for approval by the Acting City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the permit be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
 Noes : None
 Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

The application of PFC. RICHARD LOLLAR, Bergstrom Air Base, for a taxicab driver's permit, recommended for approval by the Acting City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Gillis moved that the permit be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

The application of LOUIE CALVIN LONG, 1803 Rio Grande Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, recommended for approval by the Acting City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Gillis moved that the permit be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

The application of JOHN RANDOLPH MERRITT, 3811 Guadalupe Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, recommended for approval by the Acting City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Gillis moved that the permit be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

Councilman Alford offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Texas Public Service Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets of the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Texas Public Service Company be, and the same is hereby, permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

- (1) A gas main in NEWTON STREET across West Annie Street intersection, the centerline of which gas main shall be 10 feet west of, and parallel to, the east property line of said Newton Street.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

- (2) A gas main in WEST ANNIE STREET from Newton Street west 136 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 10 feet south of, and parallel to, the north property line of said West Annie Street.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

The Texas Public Service Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Texas Public Service Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the City Engineering Department not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Texas Public Service Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid, shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchise granted to said Company by the City of Austin.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
 Noes : None
 Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

Councilman Gillis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, in Book 1, Page 75, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, there appears a map or plat of a subdivision of land known as Hyde Park Addition No. 2 within the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, upon said map or plat there appear various streets and alleys, one of which alleys herein referred to is 12 feet in width and traverses a portion of Block 15 of said Hyde Park Addition No.2 and being the alley

one-half block north of, and parallel to, West 42nd Street, and extending from Avenue C to Avenue C Alley; and

WHEREAS, said alley has not been opened to the public; and

WHEREAS, the owners of all the property abutting said alley have requested the City Council of the City of Austin to close the above described alley; and

WHEREAS, said request has been reviewed and considered by the City Council of the City of Austin; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT that alley in Block 15 of Hyde Park Addition No. 2, one-half block north of, and parallel to, West 42nd Street, and extending from Avenue C to Avenue C Alley is hereby permanently abandoned, vacated, and closed.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

- Ayes : Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
- Noes : None
- Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

Councilman Alford offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, in Book 4, page 202, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, there appears a map or plat of a subdivision of land known as Barton Heights B; and

WHEREAS, a street known as Anita Street is shown upon the aforesaid map or plat, which has been dedicated for public street purposes; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned street is partially graded and has not been opened to the public; and

WHEREAS, Paul O. Simms, owner of all the land abutting each side of said Anita Street has petitioned the City Council of the City of Austin to permanently abandon, vacate, and close the said Anita Street, and the said Paul O. Simms has agreed to dedicate in lieu of Anita Street another street serving this general vicinity to a better advantage, and a tentative layout has been prepared showing the street to be dedicated in lieu of said Anita Street, and said plan has been reviewed and considered by the City Council of the City of Austin; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Anita Street, as shown upon the map or plat of Barton Heights B previously referred to, is hereby permanently abandoned, vacated and closed.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
 Noes : None
 Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

Councilman Gillis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Walter E. Seaholm, City Manager of the City of Austin, be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Robert H. Davis, Nannie L. Davis Hoist and her husband, J. A. Hoist, to purchase the northeast one-fourth and the west twenty-five feet of the northwest one-fourth of Lot No. 18, Outlot 55, Division "B", City of Austin, for the sum of \$1800.00, payable in monthly installments of \$25.00, with interest on deferred payments at 6% per annum; upon receipt of which the City of Austin will convey its title to said property to said Robert H. Davis, Nannie L. Davis Hoist and her husband, J. A. Hoist.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilman Alford, Mayor Pro tem Bartholomew, Councilman Gillis
 Noes : None
 Absent: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf

The following Certificate of the Acting City Manager on the destruction, by cremation in the City Incinerator, of certain cancelled bonds and interest coupons, was received; and the same was ordered spread on the minutes of this meeting:

STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF TRAVIS :

CITY OF AUSTIN :

This is to certify that I have, on this 23rd day of February, 1945, as directed by a resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, and in the presence of the undersigned attesting witnesses, caused the following numbered and otherwise described cancelled bonds to be destroyed by cremation in the City Incinerator, together with sundry cancelled coupons paid by the City of Austin, Texas, on its bonded debt:

Year	Description	Bonds		Interest	Total
		Numbers	Amount	Coupons	
1910	School			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1915	School	231-240	\$ 10,000.00	1,000.00	11,000.00
1915	Street, Bridge & Sewer	396-410	15,000.00	1,500.00	16,500.00
1915	Ridgetop School District			250.00	250.00
1916	Refunding	1037			
		1054-1065			
		1067-1092	39,000.00	5,438.75	44,438.75
1918	School	41-42	2,000.00	450.00	2,450.00
1918	Sewage Disposal Plant	126-130	2,500.00	1,875.00	4,375.00
1921	Hospital	19	1,000.00	720.00	1,720.00
1924	Incinerator	29-30	2,000.00	1,075.00	3,075.00
1924	School	127-136	10,000.00	18,500.00	28,500.00
1924	Water Filtration	138-148	11,000.00	7,925.00	18,925.00
1926	School	59-63	5,000.00	4,417.50	9,417.50
1928	Hospital	Jan.1 36-38	3,000.00	2,720.00	5,720.00
1928	School	102-111	10,000.00	8,083.75	18,083.75
1928	Street Improvement	60-65	6,000.00	4,868.75	10,868.75
1928	Airport	26-27	2,000.00	2,200.00	4,200.00
1928	Fire Stations	26-27	2,000.00	2,030.00	4,030.00
1928	Parks & Playgrounds	26-27	2,000.00	2,197.50	4,197.50
1928	Hospital	Nov.1		1,450.00	1,450.00
1928	Sanitary Sewer	16	1,000.00	425.00	1,425.00
1929	Street Improvement	5-1 158-173	16,000.00	19,356.25	35,356.25
1929	Sanitary Sewer	5-1 77-83	7,000.00	8,265.00	15,265.00
1929	Parks & Playgrounds	5-1 60-65	6,000.00	6,697.50	12,697.50
1929	Fire Stations	5-1 10	1,000.00	760.00	1,760.00
1929	Street Improvement	12-16 160-176	17,000.00	20,543.75	37,543.75
1929	Sanitary Sewer	12-16 49-53	5,000.00	5,890.00	10,890.00
1929	Parks & Playgrounds	12-16 42-45	4,000.00	5,035.00	9,035.00
1929	Abattoir	12-16 22-23	2,000.00	2,375.00	4,375.00
1931	Street Improvement	174-192	19,000.00	24,866.25	43,866.25
1931	Parks & Playgrounds	50-54	5,000.00	7,077.50	12,077.50
1931	Sanitary Sewer	26-28	3,000.00	3,491.25	6,491.25
1932	Library	34-37	4,000.00	5,750.00	9,750.00
1932	Fire Stations	12	1,000.00	1,925.00	2,925.00
1935	Public Market	23-25	3,000.00	2,060.00	5,060.00
1936	School	101-116	16,000.00	7,260.00	23,260.00
1936	Parks & Playgrounds	26-29	4,000.00	1,140.00	5,140.00
1937	Fire Stations	31-35	5,000.00	1,925.00	6,925.00
1938	School Refunding	26-30	5,000.00	1,200.00	6,200.00
1938	School	78-94	17,000.00	7,437.50	24,437.50
1939	School	62-77	16,000.00	6,585.00	22,585.00
1940	Hospital	56-74	19,000.00	7,602.50	26,602.50
1942	Airport	19-36	18,000.00	8,760.00	26,760.00
1934	Revenue - 4%	698			
		773-778			
		783-821	46,000.00	1,800.00	47,800.00
1936	Revenue - 3%	354-404	51,000.00	1,530.00	52,530.00
			<u>\$413,500.00</u>	<u>\$227,458.75</u>	<u>\$640,958.75</u>

WITNESSES:

(Sgd) Simon Gillis
 " E. C. Bartholomew
 " J. D. Huffman, Jr.

(Sgd) Walter E. Seaholm
 Acting City Manager
 City of Austin, Texas

There being no further business, upon motion, seconded and carried, the meeting was recessed at 11:30 A. M., subject to call of the Mayor.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sallie M. Keller
CITY CLERK